GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PENDING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS .
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending passport applications in various passport offices in UP and Delhi as on date;

(b) if so, the details in this regard during each of the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a) A passport application is considered pending if the application is complete in all respects and a clear police verification report has been received. The number of pending passport applications in Passport Offices in UP and Delhi as on 6.3.2002 are indicated below:-

Passport Office	Pendency
Lucknow	659
Bareilly	1552
Ghaziabad	2040
Delhi	2532

b) the number of applications pending in the Passport Offices in UP and Delhi during the last two years is given below:-

Passport Office	2000 (as on 31.12.2000)	2001 (as on 31.12.2001)
Lucknow	3838	1339
Bareilly	464	419
Ghaziabad	0	1724
Delhi	3659	7735

c) The simplification and streamlining of procedure for issue of passports is an ongoing process. Among the measures taken to expedite processing of passport applications are: computerisation` of processing procedures, provision for dispatch of passport by speed post, introduction of machine writing of passports & expediting police verification reports with passport officers holding regular consultation with police authorities in their respective areas. The pendency situation in each passport office is monitored on a weekly basis.